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TAGS: EFIN, ETRD, EI AR, VE

SUBJECT: U.S. TRADE ACT

1. ON AUG 26 PRESS CARRIED FRONT PAGE ARTICLE DATED  
GEORGE GEDDA WASHINGTON, 25 (AP) WHICH STATED THAT IF OPEC  
INCREASED THE PRICE OF PETROLEUM BY MORE THAN ONE DOLLAR  
PER BARREL, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT CONGRESS WOULD ELIMINATE  
THE EXCLUSION OF VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR FROM THE GSP OF THE  
UNITED STATES TRADE ACT.

2. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT THE ARTICLE FOREIGN MINISTER  
ESCOBAR SALOM REPLIED "WE MUST STUDY THAT FIRST. WE ARE  
GOING TO WAIT UNTIL OPEC TAKES ITS DECISIONS AND AFTER-  
WARDS WE WILL STUDY WHAT HAPPENS." COINCIDENTLY, MINISTER  
OF STATE FOR PLANNING, GUMERSINDO RODRIGUEZ IN WASHINGTON  
FOR THE IMF-IBRD MEETINGS, TOLD EL NACIONAL AUG 26 DURING A TELEPHONE  
INTERVIEW, THAT HE REMAINS CONCERNED WITH THE U.S. TRADE  
ACT WHICH RESTRICTS ACCESS OF MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS BY  
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OPEC MEMBERS INTO THE NORTH AMERICAN MARKET.

3. COMMENT: DESPITE THE RELATIVE QUIET IN VENEZUELA  
OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS CONCERNING THE TRADE ACT  
THE ABOVE COMMENTS BY TWO CABINET MINISTERS INDICATE  
THAT THE ISSUE OF VENEZUELA'S EXCLUSION FROM THE GSP  
PROVISIONS OF THE TRADE IS FAR FROM DEAD.  
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